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TAGS: EG, GW, PFOR, OVIP (SADAT, PRESIDENT ANWAR)  
SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRESIDENT SADAT

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1. CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND PRESIDENT SADAT COVERED MUCH THE SAME GROUND IN THEIR PRIVATE MEETING AS SADAT COVERED IN HIS TALKS WITH SCHEEL AND GENSCHER (REPORTED REFTEL). BULK OF CONVERSATION WAS CONCERNED WITH MIDDLE EASTERN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT THE WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER, SAUDI ARABI AFRICA AND SOVIET POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST WERE ALSO DISCUSSED. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONVERSATION, AS REPORTED BY BOECKER OF FONOFF, FOLLOW.

2. SADAT AGAIN STRESSED HIS CONFIDENCE IN THE U.S. HE SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED BY PRESIDENT CARTER'S SINCERITY AND MORAL CONVICTION. HE PRAISED THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS ABOUT A HOMELAND FOR THE PALESTINIANS. HE ADMITTED THAT HE HAD BEEN INITIALLY IRRITATED BY THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS ABOUT DEFENSIBLE  
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BORDERS BECAUSE HE THOUGHT THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS USING ISRAELI TERMINOLOGY. ONCE THIS IMPRESSION WAS CORRECTED, SADAT'S IRRITATION VANISHED.

3. GENEVA: SADAT REPEATED HIS OPPOSITION TO A UNIFIED ARAB DELEGATION FOR GENEVA. HE SAID THAT BOTH ISRAELIS AND ARABS MUST MAKE CONCESSIONS AT GENEVA,

BUT INSISTED THAT ARABS WOULD MAKE NO TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS. HE CITED THE PRECEDENT OF FREE PASSAGE THROUGH THE SUEZ CANAL FOR ISRAELI SHIPS AS THE TYPE OF CONCESSION HE IS PREPARED TO MAKE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT A GENEVA CONFERENCE MUST BE CAREFULLY PREPARED AND STRUCTURED IN SUCH A WAY THAT NO CONCERNED PARTY, INCLUDING THE SOVIET UNION, LOSE FACE. THIS POSITION ARGUES FOR AN ACTIVE AMERICAN ROLE IN PREPARING THE CONFERENCE, WHICH SHOULD BE CONVENED ONLY TO RATIFY WHAT HAS BEEN AGREED BEFOREHAND. IF ALL DETAILS WERE TO BE SETTLED AT GENEVA, THE CONFERENCE WOULD HAVE TO LAST TEN YEARS.

4. PALESTINIANS: SADAT REPEATED THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN HIS AND ARAAT'S POSITIONS REPORTED RETEL ON THE LINK BETWEEN JORDAN AND THE PALESTINIAN HOMELAND. HE TOLD SCHMIDT THAT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PALESTINIANS AND JORDAN HAVE BEGUN. HE INSISTED THAT THE BEST WAY TO INTRODUCE SOME COMMONALITY IN THE PALESTINIAN AND ISRAELI POSITIONS WITHOUT EITHER PARTY LOSING FACE IS TO HAVE THE U.S. OPEN UP A DIALOGUE WITH THE PALESTINIANS.

5. GUARANTEES: SADAT UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF GUARANTEES. HE SAID THAT HE HAS NO OBJECTION TO A

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DEFENSE PACT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE U.S. AS LONG AS  
IT IS OFFSET BY A PARALLEL PACT BETWEEN EGYPT AND THE

U.S.

6. SAUDI ARABIA: SADAT CALLED SAUDI ARABIA'S 5 PER-CENT OIL PRICE INCREASE A POLITICAL MASTERPIECE DESIGNED TO GAIN INFLUENCE OVER THE UNITED STATES. IN REPLY TO SCHMIDT'S QUESTION ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN KING KHALID AND PRINCE FAHD, SADAT CLAIMED THAT FAHD'S INFLUENCE IS UNDIMINISHED. KHALID HAS ESTABLISHED GREATER BALANCE BETWEEN THE TWO FAMILIES IN THE GOVERNMENT AND BOTH HE AND FAD PARTICIPATE IN ALL IMPORTANT DECISIONS.

7. MISCELLANEOUS: SADAT AND SCHMIDT DISCUSSED THE WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER, BUT NO NEW GROUND WAS BROKEN. SADAT WAS SCATHING IN HIS REMARKS ABOUT QUADHAFI, WHOM HE CALLED A TOOL OF THE RUSSIANS. HE CLAIMED A GOOD FRIENDSHIP WITH AND RESPECT FOR NUMAYRI AND SAID THAT AMIN MADE A CLOWN OF HIMSELF AT THE AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT IN CAIRO.

8. SCHMIDT TOLD SADAT THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THE  
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MIDDLE EAST WITH SECRETARY VANCE. HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE US ROLE AND A SOLUTION TO THE TERRITORIAL QUESTION. HE SAID THAT THE FRG WOULD, WITHIN ITS LIMITS, SEEK TO INFLUENCE ISRAEL IN A MODERATE DIRECTION.

9. AFTER REVIEWING ALL SADAT'S CONVERSATIONS IN BONN, BOECKER REMAINS CONVINCED THAT SADAT VISITED EUROPE BEFORE GOING TO WASHINGTON IN ORDER TO BOLSTER HIS DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL IMAGE RATHER THAN TO SAY ANYTHING NEW. HE, OF COURSE, ALSO PICKED UP MORE THAN ONE MILLION DOLLARS IN GERMAN AID, AS WELL AS A COMMITMENT FROM SCHMIDT TO VISIT CAIRO AT THE END OF 1977 OR BEGINNING OF 1978.  
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